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PLEASE WIRE WHETHER YOU ACCEPT. EARNESTLY HOPE YOU WILL
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SAMUEL B FINKEL.

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November 25, 1938

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was delighted to receive your telegram accepting nomination to our Board of Directors. Of the names submitted to the Nominating Committee, none received more enthusiastic response than did yours.

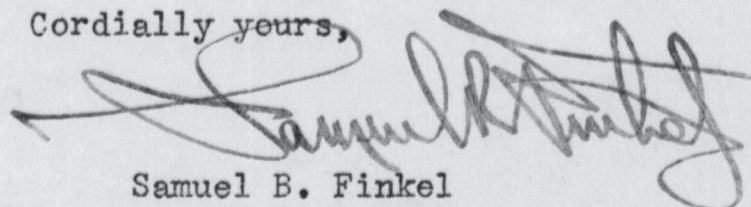
For your information, the members of the Nominating Committee were Solomon Lowenstein, Chairman, and Edward M. M. Warburg and Dr. Nathan Ratnoff.

From personal conversations with Dr. Magnes, I know that he will be delighted to learn of your joining our official family. I know also that Professor Hugo Bergmann and Mr. Edwin Samuel will be pleased.

As soon as I receive all of the acceptances, I shall send you a full list of the membership on our Board.

With very kind regards,

Cordially yours,



Samuel B. Finkel
Director

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December 2, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am happy to inform you of your election to the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the annual meeting on Wednesday.

I want to extend to you, in my own behalf as well as in behalf of the other members of the Board, a most hearty welcome to our official family.

In accepting this office, you have done us a great honor and the Hebrew University a great service.

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely,

A. S. W. Rosenbach
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December 7, 1938

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Enclosed herewith are:

1. The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 30th, at 4:30 p.m. - this being the last meeting of the old Board of Directors. Attached to these minutes is copy of the minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee of the American Friends and the American Jewish Physicians Committee.
2. The minutes of the first annual meeting of the Association of the American Friends under the revised By-Laws, held on November 30th at 5 p.m. A copy of the new By-Laws is attached.
3. The minutes of the first meeting of the new Board of Directors held on November 30th, at 5:30 p.m.

Please note that the full list of the membership of the new Board of Directors is incorporated in the minutes of the annual meeting of the Association, and the list of officers and of the members of the Executive Committee is incorporated in the minutes of the first meeting of the new Board of Directors.

SAMUEL B. FINKEL
Director

Enclosures

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OLD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)
OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1938 at 4:30 p.m.
AT THE HARMONIE CLUB

Present:

Miss Emanuel
Dr. Libman
Dr. Lowenstein
Mr. Norman
Dr. Ratnoff
Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom
Mr. Untermyer
Mr. Warburg

Mr. Finkel

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Rosenbach, Dr. Lowenstein presided.

Dr. Lowenstein explained that the purpose of this meeting was to pass on the recommendation in the motion made by Mr. Warburg at a meeting of the sub-committee of the American Friends and the American Jewish Physicians' Committee held Thursday, November 17, 1938, as per copy of the minutes attached hereto.

Mr. Warburg's motion was:

"That this joint committee recommend to the Executive Committee of the American Friends that the American Friends incorporate into its group the American Jewish Physicians' Committee, and that there be worked out the details of this incorporation through a Joint Committee to be appointed by the American Friends and the American Jewish Physicians' Committee"

Upon motion made by Mr. Untermyer and seconded by Miss Emanuel, it was voted:

"That the recommendation contained in the motion made by Mr. Warburg, as quoted above, be accepted"

Dr. Lowenstein announced that Dr. Rosenbach would appoint the joint Committee referred to in Mr. Warburg's motion. (Since this meeting, Dr. Rosenbach appointed Dr. Ratnoff, Mr. Warburg and Mr. Finkel).

The next matter presented for discussion was the following letter from Mr. Lurie of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

"Dear Mr. Finkel

"We are making plans for our General Assembly which is being held in Baltimore on January 21-23, 1939. The subject for our opening session on Saturday evening will be the crisis in Europe and the reorganization and readjustment of Jewish life which has been forced by Europe's political changes. With the new developments in relation to British action in Palestine, we would very much like to have a presentation of the Jewish problems in Palestine by an outstanding leader. As before, we are turning to Dr. Judah Magnes as the most desirable choice. Is there any possibility that Dr. Magnes can be in the United States around the time of our conference?"

"I will appreciate your communicating with him and letting us know as soon as possible whether there is any chance that we could have him on our program.

"With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Signed) H.L. Lurie"

Mr. Finkel was instructed to telephone Mr. Lurie and advise him that the American //Friends has no information regarding the possibility of Dr. Magnes coming to this country around the time of the conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and that we did not deem it expedient at this time to suggest to Dr. Magnes that he come to America.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice R. Emanuel, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS AND THE
AMERICAN JEWISH PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 1938
at DR ROSENBACH'S HOME

Present:

American Friends

Miss Emanuel
Mr. Friedman
Mr. Norman
Dr. Rosenbach
Mr. Warburg

Physicians Committee

Dr. Epstein
Dr. Kopetsky
Dr. Libman
Dr. Ratnoff
Dr. Straus
Dr. Wechsler

Mr. Finkel

Dr. Rosenbach called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

He said that this meeting was being held in accordance with the following vote passed at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Friends on November 9, 1938:

"Dr. Ratnoff appoint a committee of six representatives of the American Jewish Physicians' Committee and Dr. Rosenbach appoint a Committee of six representatives of the American Friends, and that this joint Committee meet as soon as possible to discuss the question of a new relationship between the American Jewish Physicians' Committee and the American Friends".

Dr. Rosenbach called on Dr. Ratnoff to present the matter.

Dr. Ratnoff pointed out:

That under the new arrangement there would be eliminated the confusion which has resulted from the American Friends and Physicians' Committee each soliciting funds separately and holding separate functions;

That the Medical Department of the University has a very strong emotional appeal which under the new arrangement could be capitalized by the American Friends to the advantage of the entire University instead of, as heretofore, by the Physicians Committee alone;

That the Medical Department is now a part of the University and, therefore, there should be no separate drives for funds;

That the Physicians' Committee owes \$55,000. to Hadassah and approximately \$16,000. for equipment for the Hospital Bldg;

That, in London, he told the administration that he would have to conduct immediately an aggressive campaign to raise these amounts;

That the administration of the University and Mr. Finkel felt that an

independent, aggressive campaign by the Physicians Committee to raise (in addition to its annual budgetary commitment) the indebtedness to the Hadassah and the amount necessary for the equipment would be detrimental to the best interests of the University;

That Mr. Finkel and he suggested to the administration that if they could arrange the advance of \$25,000. to the Physicians' Committee to be used by them toward the repayment of its debt to Hadassah, it would be possible, under these circumstances, for the Physicians' Committee and the American Friends to combine its activities and that such a combination would be highly desirable;

That under this proposed arrangement, the American Friends would assume the responsibility for the annual budget of the Physicians Committee, namely, \$22,000., and the obligation to pay to the University out of its excess funds the \$25,000. advanced by the University and the \$30,000. balance remaining still due to the Hadassah, and that the payment of this \$55,000. would, of course, be spread out over a period of years;

That the Physicians Committee would, out of its own funds and prior to January 1, 1939, take care of its obligation for the equipment of the hospital building and that this money would be raised without any public drive;

That the proposed arrangement would start January 1, 1939 which is the beginning of the fiscal year of the Physicians Committee;

That he was confident that the joint receipts as a result of the merger would be in excess of the amounts raised separately;

That the American Friends in its propaganda and publicity as well as the Physicians Committee as an auxiliary group would stress the medical departments;

That it was his hope that the proposed arrangement between the Physicians Committee and the American Friends would serve as a precedent and as an impetus for the organization of similar professional groups;

That the Physicians Committee in the course of the last four years raised \$160,000. and that in the 17½ years of its existence raised \$625,663.;

That the Physicians Committee was always handicapped in its fund-raising by reason of the fact that it has always remitted all of its money to Jerusalem as fast as collected and therefore never had enough funds in its Treasury with which to conduct a money-raising campaign and that he felt confident that an aggressive campaign for members as a result of the merger would result in 2500 additional members;

That Mr. Finkel and he would map out a membership campaign immediately upon completion of the arrangement;

That any delay in this arrangement would be undesirable because ultimately the combination would have to take place anyway, and it would be best to have the combination take place at a time when the Physicians Committee is at its fullest strength;

That as a result of the arrangement, the budget of the American Friends and the Physicians Committee and the income of both would become one, even although the Physicians Committee would retain its identity as an auxiliary group;

-3-November 17, 1938 meeting

Mr. Warburg spoke in hearty approval of the arrangement and said that it was a "magnificent step". He paid a glowing tribute to the accomplishments of the Physicians Committee and to Dr. Ratnoff, and expressed the hope that other groups would organize in a similar fashion and that Dr. Ratnoff would help in this direction.

Upon motion made by Mr. Warburg, it was voted:

"That this joint committee recommend to the Executive Committee of the American Friends that the American Friends incorporate into its group the American Jewish Physicians' Committee, and that there be worked out the details of this incorporation through a Joint Committee to be appointed by the American Friends and the American Jewish Physicians' Committee"

Mr. Norman approved all that Mr. Warburg said in support of the proposed arrangement and expressed confidence that the repayment of the \$55,000. by the American Friends would impose no great burden because the repayment was to be amortized and was to be paid out of surplus receipts. He felt that there would be sufficient receipts each year to make an annual repayment.

Dr. Libman said that he felt that we shouldn't have two separate organizations - that he felt this arrangement would serve as an example to other groups - professional and non-professional and that we ought to endeavor to repay the \$55,000. as soon as possible and not spread it over too long a period.

Miss Emanuel expressed approval in principle of the proposed arrangement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, HELD AT THE
HARMONIE CLUB, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1938, at 5 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lowenstein, who presided in the absence of Dr. Rosenbach.

The first order of business was the ratification of the revised By-laws adopted by the original subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation (Miss Emanuel, Mr. Bressler, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Lamport, and Dr. Ratnoff), and adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting of November 9th. (Copy of the By-laws is attached hereto).

Upon motion made by Mr. Norman, it was voted:

"That the revised By-laws adopted as above be ratified"

The next order of business was the election of 41 members to the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following:

Dr. Cyrus Adler, Philadelphia
Alice R. Emanuel, New York
Dr. Albert A. Epstein, New York
Elisha M. Friedman, New York
Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, New York
Prof. Felix Frankfurter, Boston
Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld, Washington
Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Chicago
Mrs. Edward Jacobs, New York
Dr. David J. Kaliski, New York
Arthur M. Lamport, New York
Judge Irving Lehman, New York
Dr. Emanuel Libman, New York
Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, New York
Hon Julian W. Mack, New York
James Marshall, New York
Walter E. Meyer, New York
Dr. Julian Morgenstern, Cincinnati
Edward A. Norman, New York
Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, New York

Harold Riegelman, New York
Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, New York
Charles J. Rosenbloom, New York
Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom, New York
Dr. Herman Schwarz, New York
Dr. Ben M. Selekman, Boston
Rabbi A. H. Silver, Cleveland
Judge M. C. Sloss, San Francisco
Edgar B. Stern, New Orleans
Rabbi Milton Steinberg, New York
Roger W. Straus, New York
Mrs. Roger W. Straus, New York
Dr. Ferdinand Sonneborn, New York
Eugene Untermyer, New York
Edward M. M. Warburg, New York
Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, New York
Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, New York
Maurice Wertheim, New York
Joseph Willen, New York
Henry Wineman, Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, New York

Upon motion made by Mr. Norman, it was voted:

"That the secretary be instructed to cast one ballot in favor of the candidates recommended for election by the Nominating Committee"

The following Resolution was adopted:

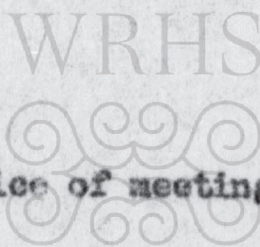
"RESOLVED, that the American Friends of the Hebrew University strengthen their efforts in behalf of the University to enable it to receive more Jewish scholars and students barred from their own universities and exiled from their native lands; that the American Friends strive to expand the facilities for research and study at the Hebrew University, and thereby increase its contribution to science and learning, and help to salvage the cultural heritage of the Jewish people, now threatened by campaigns against them in many countries of Europe."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice R. Emanuel, Secretary

(List of proxies and notice of meeting are attached to the official minutes of this meeting)



BY-LAWS
OF
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, INC.
(hereinafter called "Association")

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of the Association is: American Friends of the Hebrew University, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

Objects

The objects of the Association are:

1. To aid in the maintenance and development of the Hebrew University Association of Jerusalem, Palestine, (hereinafter called "University")
2. To disseminate information concerning the University and its activities but no part of its activities shall ever consist of carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation.
3. To facilitate the making of contacts between the University and institutions of learning in the United States and Canada.
4. To stimulate the interest of students, research workers and members of the teaching and learned professions in the University.
5. To have representation on the Board of Governors of the University and to make nominations thereto, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the University.

6. To collect funds in the United States and the Dominion of Canada and to expend, invest and reinvest the same for the purposes aforesaid.

No part of the net earnings or income of the Association shall at any time inure to the benefit of any person, firm or corporation other than the University.

ARTICLE III.

Office

The office of the Association shall be in the City of New York, with branches or local chapters in other cities of the United States and Canada.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of 41 members to be elected at the annual meeting of the Association.

2. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place as the Executive Committee shall determine.

3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on not less than five days notice by mail or forty-eight hours notice by telegraph but such notice may be waived by any Director.

4. Each member of the Board of Directors shall hold office until his resignation or the election of his successor.

5. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by the remaining members, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next annual meeting or the election of his successor.

6. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once annually immediately after its election, and special meetings shall be held upon call

of the President, or upon petition of five of its members filed with the Secretary.

7. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons.

ARTICLE V.

Powers of the Board of Directors

1. Except as limited by the provisions of this Article V., the management, control and administration of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall exercise authority over the general affairs of the Association and carry out the purposes of the Association in accordance with its Certificate of Incorporation and the provisions of these By-Laws.

2. Without in any way restricting the general powers herein granted to the Board of Directors, said Board of Directors shall have the following additional specific powers.

(a) To elect an Executive Committee from among its membership to consist of eleven or more persons as the Board of Directors may determine, said Committee to include the President, who shall preside, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

(b) At its first meeting in each year, to elect a nominating committee from among its number, of not less than three and not more than seven, who shall have power to nominate candidates to the Board of Directors for the succeeding year. The names of the candidates so nominated shall be submitted at the annual meeting. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the members from nominating other or additional candidates to the Board of Directors.

(c) To make its own rules.

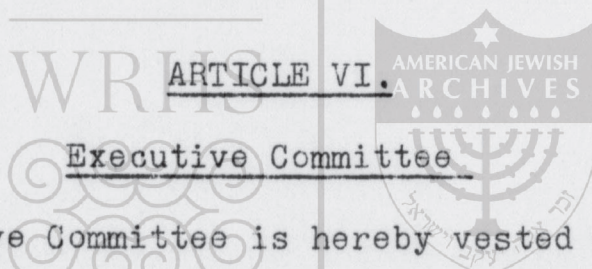
(d) To nominate members to the Board of Governors of the University and to such other boards, councils and organizations as may from time to time be appropriate.

(e) Subject to the provisions of Article XI. hereof, to alter, or amend, these By-Laws in any manner consistent with law.

(f) To adopt a seal of the Association.

(g) To grant, revise or recall charters to local chapters.

(h) To exercise all powers and duties granted by law to directors of a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York.



ARTICLE VI.

Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee is hereby vested with all the powers of the Board of Directors between the meetings of the Board of Directors, and may appoint or authorize the President to appoint committees with such powers as the Executive Committee may designate.

2. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

3. No act or omission of the Executive Committee shall at any time be called into question unless modified, annulled, or otherwise affected by a specific resolution of the Board of Directors at its first meeting held immediately succeeding such act or omission.

ARTICLE VII.

Officers

1. The Officers of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting from among their own number, for a term of

one year or until the election of their successors.

2. Such officers shall be:

(a) A President, who shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors, of the Association, and of the Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred upon him by the Board of Directors.

(b) Not to exceed three Vice-Presidents, who in the absence of the President shall act in his place in the order named.

(c) A Treasurer, who shall receive, invest and disburse all funds as the Board of Directors may authorize. Investments shall not be limited to investments legal for trust funds.

(d) A Secretary, who shall have all the duties customarily exercised by such an officer, and shall perform such other duties as he may be instructed to perform from time to time by the Board of Directors.

3. No Officer shall receive compensation for his services.

ARTICLE VIII.

Membership

1. Membership in the Association shall consist of:

(a) Any individual who has contributed not less than \$10.00 during the preceding fiscal year, whether contributing direct to the Association or through a Chapter.

(b) One or more delegates from Welfare or Local Funds which shall have made a grant of not less than \$100.00 during the preceding fiscal year. The number and qualifications of delegates from each Fund shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

(c) Representatives of such other groups, and also such other individuals, as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

2. (a) The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of November at a place and date to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

(b) Notice of such meeting shall be given at least 15 days prior thereto. At such meeting, the Annual Report of the Association shall be submitted, the election of Directors shall be held, and all the powers of the Association may be exercised. The Board of Directors may from time to time make rules or regulations for voting in person, by mail or by proxy.

(c) At any meeting of members 25 shall be a quorum, in person or by proxy, but a lesser number may adjourn the meeting.

(d) All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present except that directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the election.

3. Special meetings of the members of the Association shall be called by the Secretary upon the request of the President or any two officers, or upon the written request of at least five members of the Board of Directors.

4. Notice of any meeting may be waived by any member.

ARTICLE IX.

Chapters

1. Branch or subsidiary societies of the Association to be known as chapters, may be organized throughout the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada.

2. Fifteen or more persons desiring to become Friends of the Hebrew University may form a local chapter and apply for a local charter as follows:

Such persons shall adopt by-laws in harmony with the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association, and shall file same with the Secretary of the Association in the City of New York, together with the address of the headquarters of the organization, a list of all officers, the names and addresses of its members, and a certificate signed by one or more of its officers showing that at least fifteen of the members have become members and have paid their first annual dues. The application shall further be accompanied by payment of not less than 75% of all dues collected by the proposed chapter. Upon the approval of the Board of Directors, a charter will be issued to such group, and it shall thereupon be duly constituted as an official chapter of the Association. All charters so granted shall be subject to revision or recall by the Board of Directors.

3. All collections by local chapters shall be remitted to the Association subject to the deduction of the actual cost of effecting such collections, such cost not to exceed 25% thereof.

4. It shall be the duty of each chapter to advise the Secretary of the Association of the names and addresses of members and contributors and of any change in its membership. It shall keep accurate records of all moneys collected and forward same to the Treasurer of the Association, and shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors at the times and in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors.

5. The books and records of each local chapter shall be subject to visitation and inspection by the Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE X.

Financial Statements

The Board of Directors shall submit at each annual meeting a financial statement of the Association for the preceding fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments

1. These By-Laws may be amended by the Association at an annual meeting or any special meeting called for this purpose by the vote of two-thirds of the members present. These By-Laws may also be amended by the Board of Directors at any of its meetings by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given fifteen (15) days in advance. A quorum of the Board of Directors for the purpose of amending the By-Laws shall be fifteen.

2. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Association may be amended in such manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the provisions of the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York.

FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
HELD WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 1938 at 5:30 p.m.
AT THE HARMONIE CLUB

Present:

Miss Emanuel
Mr. Friedman
Dr. Libaan
Dr. Lowenstein
Mr. Norman
Dr. Ratnoff
Mr. Untermeyer
Mr. Warburg
Dr. Wechsler

Mr. Finkel

In the absence of Dr. Rosenbach, Dr. Lowenstein presided.

The first order of business was the election of the officers of the Association

The Nominating Committee recommended the following:

Honorary President - Mrs. Felix M. Warburg
President - Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach

Vice-Presidents: Arthur M. Lomport
Dr. Solomon Lowenstein
Hon. Julian W. Mack
Eugene Untermeyer

Chairman of Executive Committee - Edward M. M. Warburg
Associate Chairman " " Dr. Nathan Ratnoff

Treasurer - Maurice Wertheim
Secretary - Alice R. Emanuel

On motion made by Mr. Norman, it was voted:

"That the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for those officers recommended for election by the Nominating Committee which are at present provided for in our By-laws and that with reference to those officers for whom there is no provision in the By-laws at present, the By-laws be amended to create these offices, and that arrangements be made for these amendments as soon as possible".

The following names recommended for election to the Executive Committee were presented by the Nominating Committee:

November 30, 1938

Dr. Cyrus Adler
Alice R. Emanuel
Dr. Albert A. Epstein
Elisha M. Friedman
Arthur M. Lampert
Dr. Emanuel Libman
Solomon Lowenstein
Walter E. Meyer
Edward A. Norman

Dr. Nathan Ratnoff
Harold Riegelman
Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach
Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom
Mrs. Roger W. Straus
Eugene Untermyer
Edward M. M. Warburg
Dr. Israel S. Wechsler
Maurice Wertheim

Dr. Stephen S. Wise

It was voted:

"That the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot in favor of the persons nominated to the Executive Committee by the Nominating Committee".

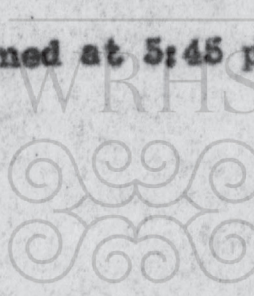
In accordance with the provision in the By-laws, requiring the election of a Nominating Committee at the first meeting of the Board of Directors, on motion made by Mr. Norman, it was voted:

"That the same persons who served on the Nominating Committee for the year just ended be reelected.".

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice R. Emanuel
Secretary



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December 27, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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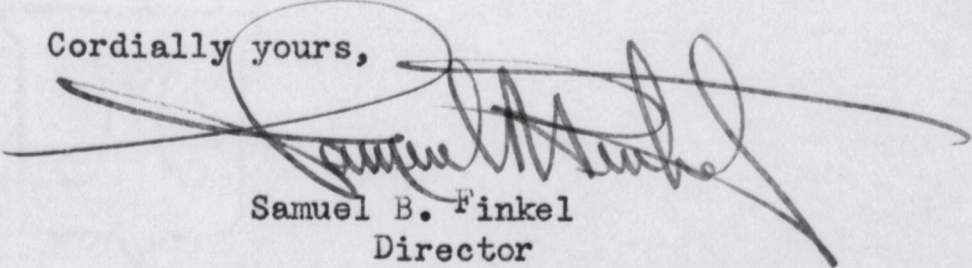
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to express again my pleasure at your election to the Board of Directors. Your official identification with the American Friends will, I am sure, be most helpful to our work.

So that you may have at hand detailed information on the University, I am sending you, under separate cover, a number of our recent pamphlets. We expect to receive shortly from the University the new Year Book based on data compiled last Spring. According to the advance copy, it's an excellent piece of work. As soon as our supply is here, we shall send you a copy.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,


Samuel B. Finkel
Director

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January 18, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

A number of the Religious Schools of various congregations throughout the country contribute annually toward the support of Hebrew University. It has occurred to me that you might be willing to bring this matter to the attention of the Religious School of your Congregation.

In the light of the serious difficulties confronting young Jewish students of Central and Eastern Europe who seek university training, I am sure that the children of your Religious School would want to help these students to complete their education at Hebrew University.

We are enclosing herewith our January News Bulletin which we hope you will find of interest. Should you wish additional copies we shall be pleased to forward them to you.

We would appreciate your posting this Bulletin on your Bulletin Board or your bringing it to the attention of your Congregation in order that they may be familiar with the current accomplishments of the University.

With assurances of our gratitude for whatever cooperation you may give us, believe me to be

Very sincerely,

A. S. W. Rosenbach

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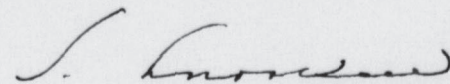
Dear Sir,

We have just received the news of your election to the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Permit me, on behalf of the University, to extend to you our cordial welcome upon this occasion. We are certain that your cooperation will aid in bringing about splendid results.

We hope that you will find the inner satisfaction from the work that is so essential to all engaged in creative undertakings.

Yours sincerely,



S. Schocken

FIFTEEN EAST FIFTY-FIRST STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach requests the
pleasure of your company at a reception
in honor of Lady Reading, of London,
England, at his home, 15 East 51st Street,
on Thursday afternoon, February 16th, at
five o'clock. Lady Reading will bring
a message from the Hebrew University, in
which she is deeply interested. There
will be no solicitation of funds.

R.S.V.P.

February 10, 1939

Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach
Fifteen East Fifty-First Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Rosenbach:

I regret greatly that it will not be possible for me to attend the reception in honor of Lady Reading on February 16th. I shall not be able to leave Cleveland on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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February 24, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am attaching hereto for your information copy of letter which I sent to Mr. S. P. Halle under date of February 7th. I call your special attention to the next to the last paragraph in which I say that I would be glad to go to Cleveland to appear before the Budget Committee "if you and Rabbi Silver feel it would be advisable".

I have been trying desperately hard to get increased grants from as many of our Welfare and United Funds as possible, and have just completed a two weeks' tour through the South for this purpose. Cleveland has been one of our most generous sources of support and I am anxious to be able to continue to point to it as sort of pace-setter for the other communities.

Owing to the great pressure which has been brought to bear on Welfare Funds for increased allocations by the JDC, UPA and the National Coordinating Committee, the American Friends finds itself especially hard-put this year to meet the increased needs of the University. These increased demands have been made necessary firstly, by reason of the fact that the University's income from Europe will be lost to it this year and secondly, because of the increased demands made of the University to take on additional refugee scholars and students.

The University has now on its regular Academic and Research staff thirty-five scholars and scientists from Germany and Austria. Hebrew University is greatly in need of the services of these men and it is hoped that funds will be placed at the disposal of the University to enable it to admit as many ^{more} as possible of these scholars and scientists. This will have the twofold purpose of strengthening the University academically as well as enabling these scholars to escape the terrible fate forced upon them in their own countries.

Do you feel that it would be helpful if I would appear

Rabbi Abba H. Silver

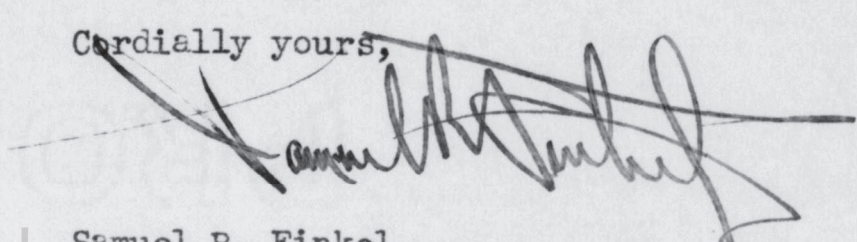
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before your Budget Committee to present the claim of Hebrew University? Of course the most ideal arrangement would be for you to assume this responsibility, if at all possible, but in the light of your other interests and responsibilities I feel hesitant to press such a request. If you could undertake this mission the University and the American Friends would be deeply grateful.

Hoping that all is well with you, I am with very kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,


Samuel B. Finkel
Director

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March 3, 1939

Mr. Samuel B. Finkel, Director
American Friends of the Hebrew University
10 East 40th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Finkel:

As a general practice, the Budget Committee of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund does not favor the personal appearance of representatives of the beneficiary organizations of the Fund. You can readily understand what it would mean if all the forty organizations who are members of the Fund would send their personal representatives to present the needs of their respective organizations. Nor do I think that it is necessary. I am sure that the interest of the Hebrew University will be sufficiently protected when the allocations are finally made. Nothing has, as yet, been done in this direction. When the time comes, I shall of course be very happy to say all I can for the Hebrew University.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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May 26, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the Magnes Anniversary Book, of which we have recently received a limited number of copies from Jerusalem.

This volume, as you know, was presented to Dr. Magnes on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday by the academic staff in token of their appreciation of his labors in behalf of the University. It contains fifty-five articles in Hebrew by members of the staff, each of which is summarized in English, dealing for the most part with original research in the writers' fields.

I think you will agree with me that the book constitutes impressive evidence of the extent and value of the work which the University is doing.

With kind regards, believe me to be

Very sincerely,

A. S. W. Rosenbach

A. S. W. Rosenbach
President

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June 11, 1939

Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, President
American Friends of the Hebrew University
10 East 40th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rosenbach:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Magnes Anniversary Book. I have not had an opportunity to go into it, but from the looks of it, it is certainly a tremendously impressive volume. That all the fifty-five articles covering so many fields of human thought, including the technically scientific, could be written in Hebrew is a tribute to the adaptability and resilience of that marvelous language. The volume is, of course, splendid testimony to the rich creative intellectual life of the Hebrew University.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Jerusalem, 23.X.1939 ירושלים.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

In the short time since we met in Geneva - and since I had the pleasure of listening to your very fine speech at Congress - events have moved so rapidly that already I look back on those days as on a distant past.

The new situation has of course its great impact on the whole of Palestine. Our University is affected not less than other institutions which were and are dependent to a large extent on sources of income from abroad. A host of new and serious problems have arisen, so that I feel the necessity at this juncture to come to America myself - a visit I have, indeed, long intended making - and to discuss the whole position with leading Jewish groups and individuals. I hope to arrive early in December and to remain about two months, during which I am hopeful we shall be able to establish ways and means for meeting the future.

It will be a very great pleasure for me to see you again, and I shall be extremely glad of the benefit of your advice and opinions in the important matters we shall discuss together.

Hoping you are in good health, and with cordial greetings,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 1, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is our plan to organize a National Council to consist of one or more sponsors for the Hebrew University in each important community throughout the country.

We would like very much to have you serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council and to be one of the co-signers of the letter of invitation to join the Council.

Professor Albert Einstein has consented to serve as Chairman and will sign the letter together with the other members of the Executive Committee, as per the attached copy.

We expect to use fac-simile signatures from a cut.

I hope we may have your acceptance of membership on the Executive Committee of the Council. May I hear from you at your early convenience?

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel
Director

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American Friends of the Hebrew University, Inc.

(Letter of Invitation to join the National Council of the American Friends of
the Hebrew University)

(date) _____

Dear Mr. _____

We have undertaken to organize a National Council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University to consist of one or more sponsors for the Hebrew University in each important community throughout the country.

Because of your high standing in your community and your well-known interest in constructive Jewish projects, we extend to you an invitation to become a member of the National Council of the American Friends. No personal financial obligation is involved.

We believe you will welcome the opportunity that membership on the National Council brings for service to Hebrew University, the outstanding cultural institution in Jewish life. We earnestly hope you will accept membership and thus help to make the National Council the representative and influential group it should be.

We are looking forward to your affirmative answer.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Committee, National Council

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May 24, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you herewith copy of the invitation to membership on the National Council which has now been sent to approximately thirty prominent persons in various cities throughout the country. I am planning to send you and the other members of the Executive Committee of the Council shortly a list of acceptances.

I shall appreciate your advising ^{me} who is the appropriate person in Akron to be invited to membership on the Council. As soon as I receive this information from you, an invitation will be sent.

As you know, we want our representative in each community to be persons firstly, who will carry weight with the local welfare fund or united appeal; secondly, who have a reasonable degree of cultural background; and thirdly, who would be energetic in sponsorship of Hebrew University with the local funds.

With thanks for your cooperation, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel
Director

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We are looking forward to your affirmative answer.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Committee, National Council

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May 28, 1940

Mr. Samuel B. Finkel, Director
American Friends of the Hebrew University
10 East 40th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Finkel:

In reply to your letter of May 24 -
I would suggest the name of Lincoln Gries of
The M. O'Neill Company, Akron, Ohio. He is the
son of former Rabbi Moses J. Gries, my predecessor
at The Temple. Mr. Gries occupies a very prominent
position in his community.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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AKRON, OHIO

June 17, 1940

Mr. Samuel B. Finkel
The American Friends of the Hebrew University
10 East 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Finkel:

Upon my return from the west coast I received your letters under date of May 31. I regret that these could not be answered during my absence, but I am doing so at the earliest possible moment, as I returned only this morning.

I am sorry that I can not accept your invitation to join your National Council, but I have been forced to withdraw from as many philanthropic works as possible, so that I might restrict my efforts to those few in which I could accomplish the greatest results.

Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)
Lincoln Gries

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June 21, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am attaching herewith copy of letter received from Mr. Gries. You will recall that I wrote you under date of May 24th, asking you for your suggestions as to whom to invite in Akron to join our National Council.

Would you be good enough to advise me who would be your second choice?

With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel
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